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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF

COMMERCE/INSURANCE DIVISION

BILL)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to various matters under the purview of the
- 2 insurance division of the department of commerce, providing
- 3 penalties, and including effective date provisions.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 135.22A, subsection 2, paragraph g, Code 2 2011, is amended by striking the paragraph.
- 3 Sec. 2. Section 502.412, subsection 3, Code 2011, is amended
- 4 to read as follows:
- 5 3. Disciplinary penalties registrants. If the
- 6 administrator finds that the order is in the public interest
- 7 and subsection 4, paragraphs "a" through "f", "h", "i", "j",
- 8 1, or m, authorizes the action, an order under this chapter
- 9 may censure, impose a bar, or impose a civil penalty in an
- 10 amount not to exceed a maximum of five ten thousand dollars
- 11 for a single violation or five hundred thousand one million
- 12 dollars for more than one violation, or in an amount as agreed
- 13 to by the parties, on a registrant, and, if the registrant is
- 14 a broker-dealer or investment adviser, a partner, officer,
- 15 director, or person having a similar status or performing
- 16 similar functions, or a person directly or indirectly in
- 17 control, of the broker-dealer or investment adviser.
- 18 Sec. 3. Section 502.604, subsection 4, Code Supplement
- 19 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 20 4. Civil penalty restitution corrective action. In a
- 21 final order under subsection 3, the administrator may impose a
- 22 civil penalty up to an amount not to exceed a maximum of five
- 23 ten thousand dollars for a single violation or five hundred
- 24 thousand one million dollars for more than one violation, or
- 25 in an amount as agreed to by the parties, order restitution,
- 26 or take other corrective action as the administrator deems
- 27 necessary and appropriate to accomplish compliance with
- 28 the laws of the state relating to all securities business
- 29 transacted in the state.
- 30 Sec. 4. Section 502.604, Code Supplement 2011, is amended by
- 31 adding the following new subsection:
- 32 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. Failure to obey cease and desist
- 33 order. A person who fails to obey a valid cease and desist
- 34 order issued by the administrator under this section may, after
- 35 notice and opportunity for a hearing, be subject to a civil

1 penalty in an amount of not less than one thousand dollars and

- 2 not to exceed ten thousand dollars for violating the order.
- 3 Each day the failure to obey the cease and desist order occurs
- 4 or continues constitutes a separate violation of the order.
- 5 The penalties provided in this subsection are in addition to,
- 6 and not exclusive of, other remedies that may be available.
- 7 Sec. 5. Section 505.8, subsection 10, Code Supplement 2011,
- 8 is amended to read as follows:
- 9 10. The commissioner may, after a hearing conducted
- 10 pursuant to chapter 17A, assess fines or penalties; assess
- 11 costs of an examination, investigation, or proceeding;
- 12 order restitution; or take other corrective action as the
- 13 commissioner deems necessary and appropriate to accomplish
- 14 compliance with the laws of the state relating to all insurance
- 15 business transacted in the state.
- 16 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 506.14 Voluntary dissolution of
- 17 domestic mutual insurance companies.
- 18 1. Any plan for voluntary dissolution of a domestic
- 19 mutual insurance company licensed to transact the business
- 20 of insurance under chapter 508, 515, 518, or 518A shall be
- 21 presented for approval by the commissioner not less than ninety
- 22 days in advance of notice of the plan to policyholders.
- 23 2. The commissioner shall approve the plan if the
- 24 commissioner finds that the plan complies with all applicable
- 25 provisions of law and is fair and equitable to the domestic
- 26 mutual insurance company and its policyholders.
- 27 Sec. 7. Section 507.10, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code
- 28 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 29 a. All orders entered pursuant to subsection 3, paragraph
- 30 "a", shall be accompanied by findings and conclusions resulting
- 31 from the commissioner's consideration and review of the
- 32 examination report, relevant examiner work papers, and any
- 33 written submissions or rebuttals. Any such order is a final
- 34 administrative decision and may be appealed pursuant to chapter
- 35 17A, and shall be served upon the company by certified mail,

- 1 together with a copy of the adopted examination report. Within
- 2 thirty days of the issuance of the adopted report, the company
- 3 shall file affidavits executed by each of its directors stating
- 4 under oath that they have received a copy of the adopted report
- 5 and related orders. The board of directors of the company
- 6 shall timely review the adopted report. The minutes of the
- 7 meeting of the board at which the adopted report is considered
- 8 shall reflect that each member of the board has reviewed the
- 9 adopted report.
- 10 Sec. 8. Section 507.14, subsection 4, Code 2011, is amended
- 11 to read as follows:
- 4. Confidential documents, materials, information,
- 13 administrative or judicial orders, or other actions may be
- 14 disclosed to a regulatory official of any state, federal
- 15 agency, or foreign country provided that the recipients are
- 16 required, under their law, to maintain their confidentiality.
- 17 Confidential records may be disclosed to the national
- 18 association of insurance commissioners, the international
- 19 association of insurance supervisors, and the bank for
- 20 international settlements, provided that the association
- 21 certifies associations and the bank certify by written
- 22 statement that the confidentiality of the records will be
- 23 maintained.
- 24 Sec. 9. Section 507B.4, Code 2011, is amended by adding the
- 25 following new subsection:
- 26 NEW SUBSECTION. 20. Refund of premium for duplication of
- 27 insurance. Failing to refund premiums paid for a Medicare
- 28 supplement policy after the effective date of a subsequently
- 29 purchased Medicare advantage plan, where there have been no
- 30 claims made on the Medicare supplement policy, and it can be
- 31 established that the carrier of the Medicare supplement policy
- 32 has no exposure to pay benefits if a claim is submitted to it
- 33 during the time that both the Medicare supplement policy and
- 34 the Medicare advantage plan are in effect. For the purposes
- 35 of this subsection, "Medicare supplement policy" and "Medicare

1 advantage plan" mean the same as defined by the commissioner of

- 2 insurance pursuant to rules adopted under chapter 17A.
- 3 Sec. 10. NEW SECTION. 507C.17A Rehabilitation or
- 4 liquidation of a domestic insurer covered under the federal
- 5 Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.
- 6 l. The provisions of this section apply in accordance
- 7 with Tit. II of the federal Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and
- 8 Consumer Protection Act, Pub. L. No. 111-203, 12 U.S.C. § 5301
- 9 et seq., with respect to a domestic insurer that is a covered
- 10 financial company, as that term is defined under 12 U.S.C. § 11 5381.
- 12 2. The commissioner may petition the district court for an
- 13 order of rehabilitation or liquidation of a domestic insurer
- 14 pursuant to this section on any of the following grounds:
- 15 a. Upon a determination and notification given by the
- 16 secretary of the treasury of the United States, in consultation
- 17 with the president of the United States, that the insurer is
- 18 a covered financial company satisfying the requirements of
- 19 12 U.S.C. § 5383(b), and the board of directors, or a body
- 20 performing similar functions of a board of directors, of the
- 21 insurer acquiesces or consents to the appointment of a receiver
- 22 pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 5382(a)(1)(A)(i) with such consent
- 23 to be considered as consent to an order of rehabilitation or
- 24 liquidation.
- 25 b. Upon an order of the United States district court for
- 26 the District of Columbia under 12 U.S.C. § 5382(a)(1)(A)(iv)(I)
- 27 granting the petition of the secretary of the treasury of
- 28 the United States concerning the insurer under 12 U.S.C. §
- 29 5382(a)(l)(A)(i).
- 30 c. A petition by the secretary of the treasury of the United
- 31 States concerning the insurer is granted by operation of law
- 32 under 12 U.S.C. § 5382(a)(1)(A)(v).
- 33 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
- 34 contrary, after notice to the insurer, a district court
- 35 may grant an order of rehabilitation or liquidation within

1 twenty-four hours after the filing of such a petition pursuant
2 to this section.

- 3 4. If the district court does not make a determination on a
- 4 petition for an order of rehabilitation or liquidation filed by
- 5 the commissioner pursuant to this section within twenty-four
- 6 hours after the filing of the petition, the order shall be
- 7 deemed granted by operation of law upon the expiration of the
- 8 twenty-four-hour period.
- 9 a. At the time that an order is deemed granted under this
- 10 subsection, the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed
- 11 to be in effect, and the commissioner shall be deemed to be
- 12 affirmed as receiver and to have all of the applicable powers
- 13 provided by this chapter, regardless of whether an order has
- 14 been entered by the district court.
- 15 b. If an order is deemed granted by operation of law under
- 16 this subsection, the district court shall expeditiously enter
- 17 an order of rehabilitation or liquidation that does all of the
- 18 following:
- 19 (1) Is effective as of the date that the order is deemed
- 20 granted by operation of law.
- 21 (2) Conforms to the provisions for rehabilitation or
- 22 liquidation of an insurer contained in this chapter, as
- 23 applicable.
- 24 5. An order of rehabilitation or liquidation made pursuant
- 25 to this section shall not be subject to a stay or injunction
- 26 pending appeal.
- 27 6. Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede
- 28 or impair any other power or authority of the commissioner or
- 29 the district court under this chapter.
- 30 Sec. 11. Section 507E.5, subsection 2, Code 2011, is amended
- 31 to read as follows:
- The commissioner may share documents, materials, or
- 33 other information, including confidential and privileged
- 34 documents, materials, or other information, with other
- 35 state, federal, and international regulatory agencies, with

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- 1 the national association of insurance commissioners and its
- 2 affiliates or subsidiaries, and with local, state, federal, and
- 3 international law enforcement authorities, provided that the
- 4 recipient agrees to maintain the confidential and privileged
- 5 status of the document, material, or other information,
- 6 pursuant to Iowa law.
- 7 Sec. 12. Section 511.8, subsection 14, Code Supplement
- 8 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 9 14. Urban real estate and personal property.
- 10 a. Personal or real property or both located within the
- 11 United States or the Dominion of Canada, other than real
- 12 property used or to be used primarily for agricultural,
- 13 horticultural, ranching or mining purposes, which produces
- 14 income or which by suitable improvement will produce income.
- 15 However, personal property acquired under this subsection shall
- 16 be acquired for the purpose of entering into a contract for
- 17 the sale or for a use under which the contractual payments
- 18 may reasonably be expected to result in the recovery of the
- 19 investment and an investment return within the anticipated
- 20 useful life of the property. Legal title to the real property
- 21 may be acquired subject to a contract of sale.
- 22 b. "Real property" as used in this subsection includes a all
- 23 of the following:
- 24 (1) A leasehold of real estate, an.
- 25 (2) An undivided interest in a leasehold of real estate, and
- 26 an.
- 27 (3) An undivided interest in the fee title of real estate.
- 28 (4) A controlling membership, partnership, shareholder, or
- 29 trust interest in any entity created solely for the purpose
- 30 of owning and operating any of the interests described in
- 31 subparagraph (1), (2), or (3), if the entity is expressly
- 32 limited to that purpose within its organizational documents.
- 33 c. Investments under this subsection are not eligible in
- 34 excess of ten percent of the legal reserve.
- 35 Sec. 13. Section 511.8, subsection 19, Code Supplement

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- 1 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 2 19. Other foreign government or corporate obligations.
- 3 a. Bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, not to
- 4 include currency, issued, assumed, or guaranteed by a foreign
- 5 government other than Canada, or by a corporation incorporated
- 6 under the laws of a foreign government other than Canada. Such
- 7 governmental obligations must be valid, legally authorized
- 8 and issued, and on the date of acquisition have predominantly
- 9 investment qualities and characteristics as provided by
- 10 rule. Such corporate obligations must meet the qualifications
- 11 established in subsection 5 for bonds and other evidences of
- 12 indebtedness issued, assumed, or guaranteed by a corporation
- 13 incorporated under the laws of the United States or Canada.
- 14 Foreign investments authorized by this subsection are not
- 15 eligible in excess of twenty twenty-five percent of the
- 16 legal reserve of the life insurance company or association.
- 17 Investments in obligations of a foreign government, other
- 18 than Canada and, the United Kingdom, and foreign governments
- 19 rated AAA by Standard and Poor's division of McGraw-Hill
- 20 companies, inc., or Aaa by Moody's investors services, inc.,
- 21 are not eligible in excess of two percent of the legal reserve
- 22 in the securities of foreign governments of any one foreign
- 23 nation. Investments in obligations of the United Kingdom are
- 24 not eligible in excess of four percent of the legal reserve.
- 25 Investments in obligations of foreign governments rated either
- 26 AAA by Standard and Poor's division of McGraw-Hill companies,
- 27 inc., or Aaa by Moody's investors services, inc., are not
- 28 eligible in excess of five percent of the legal reserve.
- 29 Investments in a corporation incorporated under the laws of a
- 30 foreign government other than Canada are not eligible in excess
- 31 of two percent of the legal reserve in the securities of any
- 32 one foreign corporation.
- 33 b. Eligible investments in foreign obligations under this
- 34 subsection are limited to the types of obligations specifically
- 35 referred to in this subsection. This subsection in no way

- 1 limits or restricts investments in Canadian obligations and
- 2 securities specifically authorized in other subsections of this
- 3 section.
- 4 c. This subsection shall not authorize investment in
- 5 evidences of indebtedness issued, assumed, or guaranteed by a
- 6 foreign government which engages in a consistent pattern of
- 7 gross violations of human rights.
- 8 Sec. 14. Section 511.8, subsection 23, Code Supplement
- 9 2011, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:
- 10 NEW PARAGRAPH. g. For securities loaned pursuant to this
- 11 subsection that are included in the legal reserve of the life
- 12 insurance company or association, the collateral received for
- 13 the loaned securities shall not be eligible for inclusion in
- 14 the legal reserve.
- 15 Sec. 15. Section 511.40, Code 2011, is amended by adding the
- 16 following new subsection:
- 17 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. a. The gross amount of premiums
- 18 received by a life insurance company or association for an
- 19 employer-owned life insurance contract which has not been
- 20 allocated to another state shall be allocated to this state
- 21 for purposes of section 432.1, subsection 1, if either of the
- 22 following is applicable:
- 23 (1) The contract is issued or delivered in this state.
- 24 (2) The company or association is domiciled in this state.
- 25 b. To the extent that premiums are allocated to this state
- 26 pursuant to paragraph a, the provisions of section 505.14 are
- 27 not applicable to those premiums.
- 28 c. As used in this subsection, "employer-owned life
- 29 insurance contract" means a policy which provides coverage on
- 30 a life for which the employer has an insurable interest under
- 31 this section or a similar provision of the laws of another
- 32 state and the policy is owned by either the employer or a trust
- 33 established by the employer for the benefit of the employer or
- 34 the employer's active or retired employees.
- 35 Sec. 16. Section 514.4, Code 2011, is amended to read as

1 follows:

- 2 514.4 Directors.
- 3 1. At least two-thirds of the directors of a hospital
- 4 service corporation, medical service corporation, dental
- 5 service corporation, or pharmaceutical or optometric service
- 6 corporation subject to this chapter shall be at all times
- 7 subscribers and not more than one-third of the directors
- 8 shall be providers as provided in this section. The board of
- 9 directors of each corporation shall consist of at least nine
- 10 members.
- 11 2. A subscriber director is a director of the board of
- 12 a corporation who is a subscriber and who is not a provider
- 13 of health care pursuant to section 514B.1, subsection 7, a
- 14 person who has material financial or fiduciary interest in the
- 15 delivery of health care services or a related industry, an
- 16 employee of an institution which provides health care services,
- 17 or a spouse or a member of the immediate family of such a
- 18 person. However, a subscriber director of a dental service
- 19 corporation may be an employee, officer, director, or trustee
- 20 of a hospital or other entity that does not have a provider
- 21 contract with the dental service corporation. A subscriber
- 22 director of a hospital or medical service corporation shall be
- 23 a subscriber of the services of that corporation.
- 24 3. A provider director of a corporation subject to this
- 25 chapter shall be at all times a person who has a material
- 26 financial interest in or is a fiduciary to or an employee
- 27 of or is a spouse or member of the immediate family of a
- 28 provider having a contract with such corporation to render to
- 29 its subscribers the services of such corporation or who is a
- 30 hospital trustee.
- 31 4. A director may serve on a board of only one corporation
- 32 at a time subject to this chapter.
- 33 5. The commissioner of insurance shall adopt rules pursuant
- 34 to chapter 17A to implement the process of the election of
- 35 subscriber directors of the board of directors of a corporation

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1 to ensure the representation of a broad spectrum of subscriber

- 2 interest on each board and establish criteria for the selection
- 3 of nominees. The rules shall provide for an independent
- 4 subscriber nominating committee to serve until the composition
- 5 of the board of directors meets the percentage requirements
- 6 of this section. Once the composition requirements of this
- 7 section are met, the nominations for subscriber directors
- 8 shall be made by the subscriber directors of the board under
- 9 procedures the board establishes which shall also permit
- 10 nomination by a petition of at least fifty subscribers. The
- 11 board shall also establish procedures to permit nomination of
- 12 provider directors by petition of at least fifty participating
- 13 providers. A member of the board of directors of a corporation
- 14 subject to this chapter shall not serve on the independent
- 15 subscriber nominating committee. The nominating committee
- 16 shall consist of subscribers as defined in this section. The
- 17 rules of the commissioner of insurance shall also permit
- 18 nomination of subscriber directors by a petition of at least
- 19 fifty subscribers, and nomination of provider directors
- 20 by a petition of at least fifty participating providers.
- 21 These petitions shall be considered only by the independent
- 22 nominating committee during the duration of the committee.
- 23 Following the discontinuance of the committee, the petition
- 24 process shall be continued and the board of directors of the
- 25 corporation shall consider the petitions. The independent
- 26 subscriber nominating committee is not subject to chapter 17A.
- 27 The nominating committee shall not receive per diem or expenses
- 28 for the performance of their duties.
- 29 6. Population factors, representation of different
- 30 geographic regions, and the demography of the service area of
- 31 the corporation subject to this chapter shall be considered
- 32 when making nominations for the board of directors of a
- 33 corporation subject to this chapter.
- 34 7. A corporation serving states in addition to Iowa shall be
- 35 required to implement this section only for directors who are

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1 residents of Iowa and elected as board members from Iowa.

- 2 Sec. 17. Section 515.69, subsection 1, Code 2011, is amended
- 3 to read as follows:
- 4 l. A stock insurance company organized under or by the
- 5 laws of any other state or foreign government for the purpose
- 6 specified in this chapter, shall not, directly or indirectly,
- 7 take risks or transact business of insurance in this state
- 8 unless the company has two and one-half million dollars of
- 9 actual paid-up capital, and a surplus in cash or invested in
- 10 securities authorized by law of not less than two and one-half
- 11 million dollars, possesses the actual amount of capital and
- 12 surplus required of any company organized pursuant to this
- 13 chapter, or if the company is a mutual insurance company, the
- 14 actual amount of surplus required of any mutual insurance
- 15 company organized pursuant to this chapter, exclusive of assets
- 16 deposited in a state, territory, district, or country for the
- 17 special benefit or security of those insured in that state,
- 18 territory, district, or country.
- 19 Sec. 18. Section 515.120, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 20 follows:
- 21 515.120 Business with nonadmitted insurers.
- 22 1. This chapter does not prevent a licensed resident or
- 23 nonresident producer of this state, qualified to write excess
- 24 and surplus lines insurance, from procuring insurance in
- 25 certain nonadmitted insurers if such insurance is restricted
- 26 to the type and kind of insurance authorized by this chapter,
- 27 excluding insurance authorized under section 515.48,
- 28 subsection 5, paragraph "a", and the producer makes oath to
- 29 the commissioner of insurance in the form prescribed by the
- 30 commissioner that the producer has made diligent effort to
- 31 place the insurance in authorized insurers and has either
- 32 exhausted the capacity of all authorized insurers or has been
- 33 unable to obtain the desired insurance in insurers licensed to
- 34 transact business in this state.
- 35 2. The procuring of a contract of insurance in a nonadmitted

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- 1 insurer makes the insurer liable for, and the producer shall
- 2 pay, the taxes on the premiums as if the insurer were duly
- 3 authorized to transact business in the state.
- 4 3. A sworn report of all business transacted by producers
- 5 of this state in nonadmitted insurers shall be made to the
- 6 commissioner of insurance on or before March 1 of each year
- 7 for the preceding calendar year, on the form required by the
- 8 commissioner of insurance. The report shall be accompanied by
- 9 a remittance to cover the taxes on the premiums. A producer
- 10 who makes the oath, pays the taxes on the premiums, and
- 11 files the report has not written such contracts of insurance
- 12 unlawfully, and is not personally liable for the contracts.
- 4. Notwithstanding subsection 1, for purposes of this
- 14 section and sections 515.121 and 515.122, excess and surplus
- 15 lines insurance includes disability insurance that is in excess
- 16 of policy limits available in admitted insurers.
- 17 Sec. 19. Section 515.136, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 18 follows:
- 19 515.136 Value of building liability.
- 20 The insurance company or association issuing such policy may
- 21 show the actual value of said property at date of policy, and
- 22 any depreciation in the value thereof before the loss occurred;
- 23 but the said An insurance company or association shall be
- 24 liable for the actual value of the property insured at the date
- 25 of the loss, unless such value exceeds the amount stated in the
- 26 policy.
- 27 Sec. 20. Section 515A.7, subsection 1, paragraph b,
- 28 subparagraph (5), Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 29 (5) An insurer may adopt a scheduled or schedule rating plan
- 30 providing for credits or debits in an amount not exceeding the
- 31 maximum modification allowed as set forth by the commissioner
- 32 by rule. This amount shall be in addition to the permitted
- 33 deviations set forth in subparagraphs (1) through (4).
- 34 Sec. 21. Section 518.14, subsection 4, paragraph f,
- 35 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2011, is amended to read as

1 follows:

- 2 Common stocks, common stock equivalents, mutual fund shares,
- 3 securities convertible into common stocks or common stock
- 4 equivalents, or preferred stocks issued or guaranteed by a
- 5 corporation incorporated under the laws of the United States
- 6 or a state, or the laws of Canada or a province of Canada,
- 7 or by limited partnerships publicly traded on a nationally
- 8 established stock exchange in the United States. Aggregate
- 9 investments in nondividend paying stocks shall not exceed five
- 10 percent of surplus.
- 11 Sec. 22. Section 518A.12, subsection 4, paragraph f,
- 12 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2011, is amended to read as
- 13 follows:
- 14 Common stocks, common stock equivalents, mutual fund shares,
- 15 securities convertible into common stocks or common stock
- 16 equivalents, or preferred stocks issued or guaranteed by a
- 17 corporation incorporated under the laws of the United States
- 18 or a state, or the laws of Canada or a province of Canada,
- 19 or by limited partnerships publicly traded on a nationally
- 20 established stock exchange in the United States. Aggregate
- 21 investments in nondividend paying stocks shall not exceed five
- 22 percent of surplus.
- 23 Sec. 23. Section 521E.1, subsection 4, unnumbered paragraph
- 24 1, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 25 "Domestic insurer" means an insurance company domiciled in
- 26 this state and licensed to transact the business of insurance
- 27 under chapter 508, 512B, 515, or 520, except that it shall not
- 28 include any of the following:
- 29 Sec. 24. Section 521E.1, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code
- 30 2011, is amended by striking the paragraph.
- 31 Sec. 25. Section 521E.1, subsections 6 and 7, Code 2011, are
- 32 amended to read as follows:
- 33 6. "Foreign insurer" means an insurance company not
- 34 domiciled in this state which is licensed to transact the
- 35 business of insurance in this state under chapter 508, 512B,

- 1 515, or 520.
- 2 7. "Life and health insurer" means an insurance company
- 3 licensed under chapter 508, a fraternal benefit society
- 4 organized under chapter 512B, or a licensed property and
- 5 casualty insurer writing only accident and health insurance
- 6 under chapter 515.
- 7 Sec. 26. Section 521E.3, subsection 1, paragraph a,
- 8 subparagraph (2), Code Supplement 2011, is amended to read as
- 9 follows:
- 10 (2) For a life and health insurer, the insurer's
- 11 total adjusted capital is greater than or equal to its
- 12 company-action-level risk-based capital but less than the
- 13 product of its authorized-control-level risk-based capital and
- 14 two and one-half three, and has a negative trend.
- 15 Sec. 27. Section 522C.6, Code 2011, is amended by adding the
- 16 following new subsection:
- 17 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. a. A licensed public adjuster who,
- 18 after hearing, is found to have violated this chapter or any
- 19 rule adopted or order issued pursuant to this chapter, may
- 20 be ordered to cease and desist from engaging in the conduct
- 21 resulting in the violation and may be assessed a civil penalty
- 22 as provided in section 505.7A.
- 23 b. A person who, after hearing, is found to have violated
- 24 this chapter by acting as a public adjuster without proper
- 25 licensure may be ordered to cease and desist from engaging in
- 26 the conduct resulting in the violation and may be assessed a
- 27 civil penalty according to the provisions of chapter 507A.
- c. If a person has engaged, is engaging, or is about to
- 29 engage in any act or practice constituting a violation of
- 30 this chapter or any rule adopted or order issued pursuant to
- 31 this chapter, the commissioner may issue a summary order that
- 32 includes a brief statement of findings of fact, conclusions of
- 33 law, and policy reasons for the order, and that directs the
- 34 person to cease and desist from engaging in the act or practice
- 35 constituting the violation and that may assess a civil penalty

1 or take other affirmative action as in the judgment of the

- 2 commissioner is necessary to assure that the person complies
- 3 with the requirements of this chapter as provided in chapter 4 507A.
- 5 d. If a person does not comply with an order issued pursuant
- 6 to this subsection, the commissioner may petition a court of
- 7 competent jurisdiction to enforce the order. The court shall
- 8 not require the commissioner to post a bond in an action or
- 9 proceeding under this subsection. If the court finds, after
- 10 notice and opportunity for hearing, that the person is not in
- 11 compliance with an order, the court may adjudge the person to
- 12 be in civil contempt of the order. The court may impose a civil
- 13 penalty against the person for contempt in an amount not less
- 14 than three thousand dollars but not greater than ten thousand
- 15 dollars for each violation and may grant any other relief that
- 16 the court determines is just and proper in the circumstances.
- 17 Sec. 28. Section 598.20A, Code 2011, is amended to read as 18 follows:
- 19 598.20A Beneficiary revocation life insurance.
- 20 1. Except as preempted by federal law, if a decree of
- 21 dissolution, annulment, or separate maintenance is issued after
- 22 an insured the policy owner of an insurance contract insuring
- 23 the policy owner's own life has designated the insured's policy
- 24 owner's spouse or one or more relatives of the insured's policy
- 25 owner's spouse as a beneficiary under a life insurance policy
- 26 in effect on the date of the decree, a provision in the life
- 27 insurance policy making such a designation is voided by the
- 28 issuance of the decree unless any of the following apply:
- 29 a. The decree designates the insured's policy owner's former
- 30 spouse or one or more relatives of the insured's policy owner's
- 31 spouse as beneficiary.
- 32 b. After issuance of the decree, the insured policy owner
- 33 executes a designation of beneficiary form provided by the
- 34 insurance company naming the insured's policy owner's former
- 35 spouse or one or more relatives of the insured's policy owner's

1 former spouse as beneficiary.

- 2 c. The insured policy owner and the insured's policy owner's former spouse remarry.
- 4 2. If a beneficiary designation is not effective pursuant to
- 5 subsection 1, the benefits or proceeds of the life insurance
- 6 policy are payable to an alternate beneficiary, or if there is
- 7 no alternate beneficiary, to the estate of the insured policy
- 8 owner.
- 9 3. An insurer who pays benefits or proceeds of a life
- 10 insurance policy to a beneficiary under a designation that is
- ll void pursuant to subsection l is not liable for payment to an
- 12 alternative beneficiary as provided under subsection 2 unless
- 13 both of the following apply:
- 14 a. At least ten days prior to payment of the benefits
- 15 or proceeds of the life insurance policy to the designated
- 16 beneficiary, the insurer receives written notice at the home
- 17 office of the insurer that the designation of the beneficiary
- 18 is not effective pursuant to subsection 1.
- 19 b. The insurer has failed to interplead the benefits or
- 20 proceeds of the life insurance policy in a court of competent
- 21 jurisdiction in accordance with the rules of civil procedure.
- 22 4. This section does not limit the right of a beneficiary
- 23 to seek recovery from any person or entity that erroneously
- 24 receives or collects the benefits or proceeds from a life
- 25 insurance policy.
- 26 5. This section does not affect the right of an insured's
- 27 former a policy owner's spouse to assert an ownership interest
- 28 in a life insurance policy insuring the life of the policy
- 29 owner that is not disclosed to the insured's policy owner's
- 30 spouse prior to the decree of dissolution, annulment, or
- 31 separate maintenance and that is not addressed by the decree.
- 32 6. For purposes of this section, "relative of the insured's
- 33 policy owner's spouse" means a person who is related to the
- 34 insured's policy owner's former spouse by blood, adoption,
- 35 or affinity, and who, subsequent to a decree of dissolution,

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- 1 annulment, or separate maintenance, ceases to be related to the
- 2 insured policy owner by blood, adoption, or affinity.
- 3 Sec. 29. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. The following
- 4 provision or provisions of this Act, being deemed of immediate
- 5 importance, take effect upon enactment:
- 6 l. The section of this Act enacting section 507C.17A.
- 7 EXPLANATION
- 8 This bill relates to various matters under the purview of the
- 9 insurance division of the department of commerce.
- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. Code section 135.22A(2)(g)
- 11 is stricken to remove the commissioner of insurance from the
- 12 membership of the advisory council on brain injuries.
- 13 UNIFORM SECURITIES ACT (BLUE SKY LAW). Code section
- 14 502.412(3) is amended to increase the amount of the
- 15 disciplinary penalty for registrants that the administrator
- 16 (commissioner of insurance or the commissioner's deputy) can
- 17 impose for a violation of the Code chapter from a maximum of
- 18 \$5,000 to \$10,000 for a single violation, and from \$500,000 to
- 19 \$1 million for more than one violation, or in such amount as
- 20 agreed to by the parties.
- 21 Code section 502.604(4) is amended to increase the amount
- 22 of a civil penalty the administrator can impose against a
- 23 person for engaging in an act, practice, or course of business
- 24 in violation of the Code chapter from a maximum of \$5,000 to
- 25 \$10,000 for a single violation, and from \$500,000 to \$1 million
- 26 for more than one violation, or in an amount agreed to by the
- 27 parties.
- New Code section 502.604(5A) provides that a person
- 29 who fails to obey a valid cease and desist order issued by
- 30 the administrator may be subject to a civil penalty in an
- 31 amount of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$10,000 for
- 32 violating the order. Each day the failure to obey continues
- 33 constitutes a separate violation. The penalties provided in
- 34 this subsection are in addition to, and not exclusive of other
- 35 remedies that may be available.

- 1 INSURANCE DIVISION. Code section 505.8(10) is amended to
- 2 allow the commissioner to assess the costs of the examination
- 3 of a regulated entity necessary to accomplish compliance with
- 4 the insurance laws of this state.
- 5 DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES. New Code section 506.14
- 6 provides that any plan for the voluntary dissolution of a
- 7 domestic mutual insurance company licensed in this state shall
- 8 be presented for approval by the commissioner not less than 90
- 9 days prior to notice of the plan to the policyholders. The
- 10 commissioner must approve the plan if it complies with all
- 11 applicable laws and is fair and equitable to the company and to
- 12 its policyholders.
- 13 EXAMINATION OF INSURANCE COMPANIES. Code section
- 14 507.10(4)(a) is amended to allow the board of directors of
- 15 an insurance company to signal that each member has reviewed
- 16 an examination report with a notation in the board's meeting
- 17 minutes instead of by filing affidavits indicating that each
- 18 member has received a copy of the report.
- 19 Code section 507.14 is amended to allow the commissioner
- 20 to release confidential documents and other materials to the
- 21 international association of insurance supervisors and the bank
- 22 for international settlements provided that those entities
- 23 give written certification that the records will be kept
- 24 confidential.
- 25 INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES. New Code section 507B.4(20)
- 26 makes it an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the business
- 27 of insurance to fail to refund premiums paid for a Medicare
- 28 supplement policy after the effective date of a subsequently
- 29 purchased Medicare advantage plan if the insurer has no
- 30 exposure to pay benefits under the Medicare supplement policy
- 31 during the time that both the supplement policy and the
- 32 advantage plan are in effect.
- 33 INSURERS SUPERVISION, REHABILITATION, AND LIQUIDATION.
- 34 New Code section 507C.17A contains provisions that apply in
- 35 accordance with the federal Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and

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- 1 Consumer Protection Act to a domestic insurer that is a covered
- 2 financial company, as that term is defined in federal law.
- 3 The bill provides that the commissioner of insurance may
- 4 file a petition in the state district court for an order of
- 5 rehabilitation or liquidation of such a domestic insurer upon
- 6 receiving notice from the secretary of the treasury of the
- 7 United States that the insurer acquiesces or consents to the
- 8 appointment of a receiver; upon an order of the United States
- 9 district court for the District of Columbia as to that insurer;
- 10 or when a petition of the secretary of the treasury of the
- 11 United States concerning the insurer is granted by operation
- 12 of law.
- Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
- 14 the state district court, after notice to the insurer, may
- 15 grant an order on such a petition within 24 hours after the
- 16 filing of the petition. If the district court does not make a
- 17 determination on the petition within 24 hours of its filing,
- 18 the order is deemed granted by operation of law upon expiration
- 19 of the 24-hour period.
- 20 At the time an order is deemed granted, the provisions of
- 21 Code chapter 507C are deemed to be in effect, the commissioner
- 22 is deemed to be affirmed as the receiver and to have all of
- 23 the applicable powers provided by Code chapter 507C, and the
- 24 state district court must expeditiously enter an order of
- 25 rehabilitation or liquidation. An order of rehabilitation or
- 26 liquidation made pursuant to the provisions of the bill is not
- 27 subject to a stay or injunction pending appeal.
- 28 This provision is effective upon enactment.
- 29 INSURANCE FRAUD. Code section 507E.5(2) is amended to allow
- 30 the commissioner to share documents with local as well as
- 31 state, federal, and international law enforcement authorities
- 32 if the recipient agrees to maintain the confidentiality of
- 33 confidential and privileged documents that are shared.
- 34 LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND ASSOCIATIONS. Code section
- 35 511.8(14) is amended to provide that a life insurance company

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- 1 can include in its legal reserve as real property a controlling
- 2 membership, partnership, shareholder, or trust interest in any
- 3 entity created solely for the purpose of owning and operating a
- 4 leasehold of real estate, an undivided interest in a leasehold
- 5 of real estate, or an undivided interest in the fee title of
- 6 real estate. The entity must be expressly limited to that
- 7 purpose by its organizational documents.
- 8 Code section 511.8(19) is amended to provide that a life
- 9 insurance company can include in its legal reserve certain
- 10 foreign investments not in excess of 25, instead of 20,
- 11 percent of its legal reserve. Investments in obligations of a
- 12 foreign government rated AAA by Standard and Poor's division
- 13 of McGraw-Hill companies, inc., or Aaa by Moody's investors
- 14 services, inc., are eligible for inclusion in the legal reserve
- 15 up to 5, instead of 2, percent of the legal reserve.
- 16 Code section 511.8(23) is amended to provide that if
- 17 securities held in a life insurance company's legal reserve are
- 18 loaned, the collateral received for the loaned securities is
- 19 not eligible for inclusion in the legal reserve.
- 20 New Code section 511.40(5) provides that the gross amount of
- 21 premiums received by a life insurance company or association
- 22 for an employer-owned life insurance contract shall be
- 23 allocated to this state for purposes of calculating the state
- 24 premium tax if the contract is issued or delivered in this
- 25 state or the company or association is domiciled in this state.
- 26 For purposes of the subsection, "employer-owned life insurance
- 27 contract" means a policy which provides coverage on a life for
- 28 which the employer has an insurable interest under this Code
- 29 section or the laws of another state and the policy is owned by
- 30 either the employer or a trust established by the employer for
- 31 the benefit of the employer or the employer's active or retired
- 32 employees.
- 33 NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE CORPORATIONS. Code section 514.4
- 34 is amended to provide that a person who is affiliated with a
- 35 hospital or other entity that does not have a provider contract

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- 1 with a dental service corporation can serve as a subscriber
- 2 director of that corporation.
- 3 INSURANCE OTHER THAN LIFE. Code section 515.69(1) is
- 4 amended to require that a foreign stock insurance company must
- 5 possess the actual amount of capital and surplus required of
- 6 any company organized pursuant to Code chapter 515, or if the
- 7 insurer is a mutual company, the actual amount of surplus
- 8 required of any mutual company organized pursuant to Code
- 9 chapter 515. Currently, a foreign stock insurance company is
- 10 required to have \$2.5 million of actual paid-up capital, and a
- 11 surplus in cash or invested in securities authorized by law of
- 12 not less than \$2.5 million.
- 13 Code section 515.120 is amended to provide that excess and
- 14 surplus lines insurance that can be purchased from nonadmitted
- 15 insurers includes disability insurance that is in excess of
- 16 policy limits available in admitted insurers.
- 17 Code section 515.136 is amended to provide that an insurance
- 18 company or association is liable for the actual value of the
- 19 property insured at a date of a loss, unless that value exceeds
- 20 the amount stated in the policy. Currently, the insurer
- 21 issuing such a policy may show the actual value of the property
- 22 at the date of issuance of the policy and any depreciation in
- 23 the value of the property after a loss occurred but is still
- 24 liable for the actual value of the property insured on the date
- 25 of loss or the policy amount, whichever is less.
- 26 WORKERS' COMPENSATION LIABILITY INSURANCE. Code section
- 27 515A.7(1)(b)(5) is amended to remove a reference to a
- 28 "scheduled rating plan", a term that is not defined in the Code
- 29 chapter.
- 30 COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATIONS. Code section
- 31 518.14(4)(f) is amended to allow county mutual insurance
- 32 associations to invest in stocks that are issued or guaranteed
- 33 by limited partnerships publicly traded on a nationally
- 34 established stock exchange in the United States.
- 35 STATE MUTUAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATIONS. Code section

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- 1 518A.12(4)(f) is amended to allow state mutual insurance
- 2 associations to invest in stocks that are issued or guaranteed
- 3 by limited partnerships publicly traded on a nationally
- 4 established stock exchange in the United States.
- 5 RISK-BASED CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURERS. Code section
- 6 521E.1(4) is amended to provide that for purposes of the Code
- 7 chapter, a fraternal benefit society organized under Code
- 8 chapter 512B is a domestic insurer. Code section 521E.1(4)(b),
- 9 which excepted a fraternal benefit society from inclusion as
- 10 a domestic insurer, is stricken. Corresponding changes to
- 11 include such a society are made in Code section 521E.1(6) and 12 (7).
- Code section 521E.3(1)(a)(2) is amended to provide that for
- 14 a life and health insurer, a company-action-level event means
- 15 the insurer's total adjusted capital is greater than or equal
- 16 to its company-action-level risk-based capital but less than
- 17 the product of its authorized-control-level risk-based capital
- 18 and three, instead of two and one-half, and has a negative
- 19 trend.
- 20 LICENSING OF PUBLIC ADJUSTERS. Code section 522C.6 is
- 21 amended to add provisions allowing the commissioner of
- 22 insurance to hold hearings, issue cease and desist orders,
- 23 assess civil penalties, and petition for enforcement of those
- 24 orders by the district court against persons who violate
- 25 the provisions of Code chapter 522C. The district court is
- 26 authorized to adjudge a violator in civil contempt of an order
- 27 and to impose a civil penalty for contempt of not less than
- 28 \$3,000 but not more than \$10,000 for each violation and grant
- 29 any other relief the court determines is just and proper under
- 30 the circumstances.
- 31 DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS. Code
- 32 section 598.20A is amended to provide that it is the policy
- 33 owner of an insurance contract insuring the policy owner's own
- 34 life, not the insured, who designates the beneficiary of the
- 35 policy and is authorized to make changes in that designation

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- 1 after a decree of dissolution of marriage, annulment, or
- 2 separate maintenance.

